Other major projects undertaken or completed during Hughes's term as Secretary of Transportation include the parallel Bay Bridge, acquisition and operation by the State of the Glenn L. Martin Airport, and construction of the World Trade Center, the Francis Scott Key Bridge, and the Patuxent River Bridge.

In May 1977 Mr. Hughes resigned his position as Secretary of Transportation over what he termed unethical and improper interference with his Department's procedures for awarding a contract to manage construction of the Baltimore subway system. After leaving State service he became a partner in the Baltimore law firm of Miles and Stockbridge.

The Governor is married to the former Patricia Donoho. They have two daughters, Ann, who teaches school in Howard County, Maryland, and Elizabeth, who is studying at the University of Maryland Law School.